

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

In the Official Action, the Examiner objects to the title as not being descriptive and requires a new title that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. In response, the title has been amended to --CAMERA SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING INSTANT SWITCHING BETWEEN WIDE ANGLE AND FULL RESOLUTION VIEWS OF A SUBJECT--. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the objection to the Title.

In the Official Action, the Examiner objects to the disclosure because page 5, line 21 is not understood by the Examiner. In response, page 5, lines 20-21 have been amended to read --In the first step of the method of the present invention, processor 16 monitors wide angle view 18 and generates pixel data that defines view 18.--. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the objection to the disclosure.

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1 and 3-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by World Patent No. WO 99/455511 to Nayar et al., (hereinafter "Nayar").

In response, independent claims 1 and 7 have been amended to clarify their distinguishing features.

In the Official Action, the Examiner argues that Nayar discloses the features of claims 6 and 8, citing page 11, lines 27-29 and page 13, lines 5-11. Applicants respectfully disagree. Nayar discloses at page 11, lines 27-29 that the coordinate mapping system provides pan, tilt, and zoom settings to the camera. Nayar discloses at page 13, lines 5-11 that in systems with more than one PTZ camera, it is necessary to make assumptions

regarding the distance of the objects from the cameras. Thus, Nayar does not disclose or suggest "the processor includes means for receiving calibration data that defines particular operational characteristics of the stationary and controlled cameras" as is recited in claim 6. Furthermore, Nayar does not disclose or suggest "the step of providing calibration data that defines particular operational characteristics of the stationary and remotely controllable cameras" as is recited in claim 8.

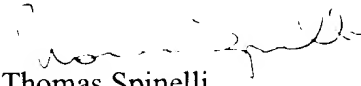
Thus, independent claims 1 and 7 have been amended to recite the above distinguishing features by adding the features of claims 6 and 8, respectively. Consequently, claims 6 and 8 have been canceled. The amendment to claims 1 and 7 is fully supported in the original disclosure, particularly in original claims 6 and 8 and in the specification at page 5, lines 25-18. Therefore, no new matter has been entered into the disclosure by way of the present amendment to claims 1 and 7.

Therefore, a camera system and method for operation thereof having the features described above and as recited in independent claims 1 and 7, is nowhere disclosed in Nayar. Since it has been decided that "anticipation requires the presence in a single prior art reference, disclosure of each and every element of the claimed invention, arranged as in the claim,"¹ independent claims 1 and 7 are not anticipated by Nayar. Accordingly, independent claims 1 and 7 patentably distinguish over Nayar and are allowable. Claims 2-5, 9, and 10 being dependent upon claims 1 and 7, are thus allowable therewith, claims 6 and 8 being canceled. Consequently, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection of claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

¹ Lindeman Maschinenfabrik GMBH v. American Hoist and Derrick Company, 730 F.2d 1452, 1458; 221 U.S.P.Q. 481, 485 (Fed. Cir., 1984).

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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